

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

D.T.E. 01-31

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"), on its own motion, has opened an investigation into the appropriate regulatory plan to succeed price cap regulation for Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts' ("Verizon's") retail intrastate telecommunications services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Department will hold a procedural conference on Friday, May 4, 2001, following a public hearing at the Department's offices, to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly conduct of the investigation. The Department intends for this proceeding to be conducted as an "adjudicatory proceeding" as defined in G.L.c. 30A, § 1(1). Note that petitions to intervene in this proceeding must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2001.

The Department has rescheduled public hearings on the above matter in the following locations at the following dates and times:

1. Plymouth North High School Cafeteria, 41 Oberry Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to **Thursday, April 26, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.;**

2. Fanning Building Auditorium, 24 Chatham Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Thursday, April 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.;**

3. Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Second Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, on Friday, April 6, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. has been rescheduled to **Friday, May 4, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.**; and

4. Pittsfield City Hall, City Council Chambers, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact:

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By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY